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EXTRACTING ATTRIBUTES
FROM SEQUENCE STRINGS
AND BIOPOLYMER MATERIAL

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A copy of the document listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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